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SUBJECT: BANGKOK GARBAGEMEN ON STRIKE

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1. ADDING TO THE LIST OF OTHER CURRENT WOES CITED IN REFTEL,
BANGKOK'S GARBAGEMEN ARE NOW OUT ON STRIKE.

2. SHORTLY AFTER TAKING OFFICE AS BANGKOK'S NEWLY ELECTED
GOVERNOR, THAMNUN THIANNGOEN VOWED THAT HE WOULD SHAVE HIS
HEAD IN DISGRACE IF HE WERE UNABLE TO ELIMINATE BANGKOK'S TRASH
COLLECTION PROBLEM WITHIN NINETY DAYS. ONCE THE GOVERNOR TIPPED
HIS HAND, BANGKOK'S THREE THOUSAND MAN GARBAGE COLLECTION
FORCE WASTED LITTLE TIME BEFORE PARKING THEIR TRUCKS AND DEMAND-
ING SUBSTANTIAL INCREASES IN PAY AND FRINGE BENEFITS. AS A
RESULT, UNSIGHTLY MOUNDS OF ODERIFEROUS TRASH ARE GROWING.

3. EFFORTS TO RECRUIT VOLUNTEERS AND TEMPORARY WORKERS HAVE BEEN
STYMIED BY THE STRIKERS WHO ATTACK THE VOLUNTEERS AND HIJACK
THEIR TRUCKS. THE GOVERNOR HAS REQUESTED A SPECIAL POLICE DE-
TAIL TO PROTECT A FLEET OF PRIVATE GARBAGE TRUCKS. A LASTING
SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM DOES NOT YET SEEM TO BE IN SIGHT.
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